

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 9-21 have been canceled, claim 8 has been amended, and claims 23-30 have been added. Claim 22 remains unchanged and has been allowed.

The support for the new claims can be found in Fig. 4 and the description thereof in the specification. It is believed that these claims are not anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,069,609. The rejection of claim 1 based on that patent and the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 have been rendered moot by the cancellation of claims 1-7 and 9-21.

As a result, it is believed that in addition to claim 22, claims 8 and 23-30 are allowable, and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If any further issues remain after this amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



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